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SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted the survey for laying the new railway line from Donakonda to Ongole in Andhra Pradesh to develop the backward areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government for laying of this new railway line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) : A survey for Ongole-Donakonda new line was conducted in 1997-98. As per the results of the survey, cost of the 87 kilometre long line had been assessed at Rs.117.11 crore at the then prevailing price level. In view of the heavy throw-forward of ongoing new line projects coupled with the severe resource constraints, the proposal could not be taken up for consideration. However, an updating survey for Ongole-Donakonda new line (87 km) has been included in the Budget 2004-05.